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The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl Vol. 1: Squirrel Power



Synopsis

Wolverine, Deadpool, Doctor Doom, Thanos: There's one hero that's beaten them all-and now she's got her own ongoing series! (Not that she's bragging.) That's right, you asked for it, you got it, it's SQUIRREL GIRL! (She's also starting college this semester.) It's the start of a brand-new set of adventures starring the nuttiest and most upbeat super hero in the world! COLLECTING: The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl 1-5, along with bonus variant covers.

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Customer Reviews

Written by Ryan North with art by Erica Henderson, colors by Rico Renzi and lettering by Clayton Cowles, The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl: Squirrel Power is a walk on the decidedly goofy side of the Marvel superhero universe. Doreen Green is Squirrel Girl, a teenager who has "the proportional speed and strength of a squirrel". No, she didn't get bitten by a radioactive squirrel. Apparently she's a mutant... with a really, really big squirrel tail which she conceals by somehow tucking it down into the back of her pants. Which, in her words, gives her "a conspicuously large _and_ conspicuously awesome butt". Yes, it's definitely that goofy. But it is fun. Unique fun. There's no other comic where you can catch Galactus snickering "Hah hah! Nice. What a tool!" and saying things like "He who wields the Power Cosmic can shoot lasers out of his eyes, teleport, and create or destroy life across all of space and time. So obviously talking to squirrels is not really that big a deal." That scene just by itself made the price of this volume worth paying, for me anyway. In addition to confronting

Galactus, SG ends up taking on Kraven the Hunter and Whiplash along the way with similarly bizarre exchanges. Minor but important note: you really have to have some familiarity with the Marvel universe and related pop culture to get a lot of the jokes that are in Squirrel Girl. Like in the opening sequence where Squirrel Girl is singing the Squirrel Girl version of the Spiderman theme song from the 1967 Spiderman cartoon TV show as she takes down some muggers in the park. The kicker comes at the end where her squirrel sidekick Tippy-Toe observes "Now if we could just get someone _else_ to sing that song, we'd be set.

This trade paperback collects the first four issues of Squirrel Girl's ongoing series which started in January 2015 plus her debut appearance in Marvel Superheroes #8 from 1990. The writing is from Ryan North of Dinosaur Comics and most recently the Adventure Time Comic. Art is by the Indie / Alternative darling Erica Henderson. The art is charming and delightful in it's simplicity and quirkiness. The writing is simplistic but equally charming. This is a book that can be enjoyed by the very young and the very old and everybody in between. Doreen Green is Squirrel Girl and she is an over night sensation. That is if you consider 25 years over night. Created by Steve Ditko (Spider-Man's co-creator) and Will Murray (author of new Doc Savage and Tarzan Novels) in 1990. She was kept alive by writers such as Dan Slott who placed her in his Great Lakes Avengers. Some credit must also be given to G Willow Wilson who's Ms. Marvel reboot proved their was a market for books featuring teen aged girl super-heroes. Doreen Green who was fifteen in her first appearance is now old enough to start college (18 ?) We join the book as Doreen starts her college life. She has the proportional speed and strength of a squirrel. She also has a large bushy tail which she tucks in her pants when in her civilian identity so that she looks like Nicki Minaj. She also can talk with squirrels and have them do her bidding. Tippy-Toe the squirrel is her faithful friend and side kick. This book should be also praised for giving us a young girl character with a realistic body type and not another big boobed centerfold shaped girl that you find in most superhero comics. The first issue is a stand alone where she goes up against Kraven The Hunter.

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